

Appl. No. 10786,988
Atty. Docket: 2004B010
Amendment dated December 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed October 5, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status and Request for Reconsideration

Reconsideration of this application is requested. The claims submitted for reconsideration are claims 9-15 and 17-34.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of now canceled claims 10 and 14. Claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter of now canceled claims 20 and 24. Claim 26 has been amended to include the subject matter of now canceled claims 28 and 32.

Claim 34 is newly added. The subject matter of that claim is consistent with a preferred embodiment of the invention described at paragraph [0016].

Claims 11, 21, and 28 have been amended to correct claim dependency. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered by way of this amendment.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C § 112

Claims 9-15 and 17-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration requested.

The term "intermediate grade propylene stream" was considered to be unclear. Applicants note however that the particular phrase is generally defined at paragraph 0017 of the specification. Applicants have amended the claims consistent with the specification, and believe the claims to have sufficient clarity such that the rejection should be removed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,660,812 (Keuchler). Those claims having been canceled by this amendment, this rejection is now moot.

Allowability of Claims

Claims 9-15 and 17-33 were indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph. Upon entry of this amendment, those claims should now be allowed. Since new claim 34 depends from each of the allowable independent claims in the alternative, that claim should also be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Having demonstrated that all rejections of claims have been overcome, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request early and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated, since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1712 (Docket #: 2004B010).

Respectfully submitted,

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